

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

11.09.22 Meeting Notes

By Larry Nichols



Veteran recognition meeting....

Sergeant at Arms Jason Heuerman quickly accepted **happy dollars** first accepted by Gary Swearingen as SC3F Wealth Management was named the 52nd best in the nation. Larry Neigowski was happy for installation of a new oven. Rodney Morris was happy to be accompanied by his son Cody and Dad George. Dean Willaredt was happy for no more election advertising. Malcolm announced his youngest granddaughter is expecting a new arrival. John Covington announced his wedding. Janet Grove's dog Rocky made the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center newsletter.

Steve Kite reported his table included two army recruiters...in case anyone was interested in joining.

Malcolm reported the **Football pool results** with Sgt. Jason taking first place and Dean Willaredt placing second on a tiebreaker.

Gary Swearingen reminded all of the upcoming **Rotary food drive** the first Saturday in December. Be on the lookout for an e-mail which will show the teams. No breakfast at the church this year. All teams will start on their routes.

Kristin Smith announced cards available to sign and will be delivered to various veterans' homes.

Reminder...**Lightworks** is December 5th through 11th. All routes are filled...thanks!

It was reported that Bob Clark was recently in the hospital but has returned home.

Gene Eagleson's condition has improved at the Springfield hospital and he may get to return home soon.

As the meeting focus was **veteran recognition**, Dean Willaredt made some remarks about the Veterans Day observance, noting the day started with the end of World War I. Other countries also observe the day and only about 1% of the population has served.

Rotarians around the room were invited to introduce their guests and all gave a short remembrance of their service and experience. American flag pins were available to all attendees.

Mary Coventry of **Land of Lincoln Honor Flights** gave a short program about the Honor Flight which now serves World War II, Korea and Vietnam veterans. She indicated that 46 states had 142 hubs to schedule flights. More information can be found at <http://www.landoflincolnhonorflight.org/#/Home> During the flight, she serves as bus captain.

Mission statement...Our mission is to provide round trip transportation from Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport in Springfield, Illinois for veterans in order of their service (WWII, Korean Era and Vietnam Era) who wish to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C. This one day trip includes air and ground transportation, meals and snacks, t-shirt and cap, and other items provided completely free of charge to the veteran in honor of his/her service to our country.

She related what happens during an honor flight indicating a meal before the trip, followed by the plane ride and arrival at the Washington airport. They are greeted by a band and board four tour buses. Wheelchairs and oxygen are provided as needed. Groups visit the World War II, Korean and Viet Nam memorials. They also visit the Air and Space Museum, Air Force Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. Free meals, snacks and water are available during the event. Medical personnel accompany the group.

This is a 501 (c) 3 organization and is funded by contributions. Five flights are scheduled for 2023.

Our **Triple Treat** of \$20 was claimed by John Covington leaving \$467 for 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

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.

November 23, 2022
[No Club Meeting! Happy Thanksgiving!](#)

November 30, 2022
[Club Christmas Party](#)

December 03, 2022
[Annual Rotary Food Drive](#)
All Rotarians participate in food drive!

December 05, 2022
[Mattoon Lightworks](#)
Contact Alex Hagen to volunteer!

December 07, 2022
[Dave Johnson, Head Coach Lake Land Lakers Women's Basketball - 2021 NJCAA DII National Champs](#)

Birthdays

Rick Hall
November 21st

J. Roy Druin
November 26th

Amanda Honn
December 3rd

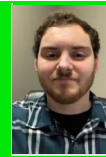
Larry Nichols
December 8th

Gary L. Swearingen
December 11th

Club Leaders



Tina Stovall
President



Wyatt Gunnar Boehm
President -Elect
Public Relations Chair



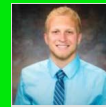
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