

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

11-16-22 Meeting Notes

By Larry Nichols



Sergeant at Arms Jason Heurman quickly accepted happy dollars led by President Tina for Bob Clark's meeting attendance. Rick Hall was happy over continued progress on the sports complex, an upcoming Dunkin opening and a new business coming to town as yet undisclosed...all signs of Mattoon moving ahead. Scott Eggleston had a lot of happiness for his 27th anniversary and a dual Chamber event at Elevate for donor recognition as well as the start of Mattoon Lightworks.

November birthdays were assessed. Mike Snow was assessed for forgetting his raffle tickets from last week.

Dean Willaredt thanked all serving Peace Meals this week and reported our next scheduled service dates are December 19th through 23rd.

Malcolm reported Rotary Football pool results revealing Larry Larvick as a repeat winner and Diana Smith taking second place on a tiebreaker.

President Tina reminded all of no noon meeting next week due to the holiday.... Happy Thanksgiving!

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party on November 30. This will be at 5:30 at the Country Club. (No noon meeting that day)

Rotary Food Drive is December 3rd. We are still looking to organize one additional team.

Our service dates for Mattoon Lightworks are December 5th through 11th.

Rick Hall introduced Vinnie Walk to recognize our Students of the Month. This month's selection was voted by all teachers at the High School. Brock Goonan was noted as very active in the concession stands raising funds for prom, a member of NHS, on the soccer team and active in ClassE. He plans to attend Lake Land College for business and landscape design. Rene Beltran is also very active participating in cheerleading, competitive chess, soccer, BIONIC, a member of NHS and served as Class President. She plans to earn a doctorate and become a psychologist.

President Tina disclosed that our Club had recently been awarded a \$2,000 District grant which will be used for Blessing in a backpack program supplying needed hygiene supplies to students in our area. We will be partnering with Hope and One Hope United.

President Tina introduced our program...Teresa Metzger, Lead Homeless Liaison for the Regional Office of Education 11 and Area 4. Funding for this program comes from the McKinney-Vento federal grant. She works with each school district in that area.

She noted the program purpose is to find students that lack a fixed, adequate or stable residence. Other factors of concern were also identified. Students can qualify under this program if they are "doubling up" with another in a room at their residence which is the situation in 76% of the cases identified.

Teresa talked about common situations resulting in being homeless and the challenges and strategies used in identifying these students. Some of the limited options in our community are The Haven and the recently opened St. Mary's House but space and options are limited.

Teresa has an office at Elevate. For more information see <https://roe11.org/about/homeless/>

Our Triple Treat of \$14 was claimed by Gayla McDaniel leaving \$481 to roll forward. As a reminder, a prior board voted that the larger prize can only be claimed by Mattoon Rotarians.

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 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

December 14, 2022
Chris Wilkerson, Head Coach
Eastern Illinois University
Football Recognize December Students of the Month.

Birthdays

Rick Hall
November 21st

J. Roy Druin
November 26th

Amanda Honn
December 3rd

Larry Nichols
December 8th

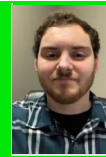
Gary L. Swearingen
December 11th

Club Leaders



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Secretary
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Secretary

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