**ROTARY CLUB OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS**

**INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

**WHAT YOU WILL GAIN FROM BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF MATTOON**

1. The opportunity to network, socialize and enjoy lunch with business and community leaders during weekly Club meetings held each Wednesday at noon at the Mattoon Golf and Country Club.
2. The opportunity to learn more about the Mattoon community through weekly speakers and programs.
3. The opportunity to make a difference for your community through Rotary sponsored/supported service projects such as the annual Food Drive, Christmas Lightworks at Peterson Park, Peace Meal home deliveries, Ramp building for home accessibility, Kindergarten Literacy project, Adopt-a-Mile roadside clean-up, Rural Urban Day, Rotary Band Shell activities, Mattoon Public Library delivery of books to home-bound, recognition of Students of the Month, awarding of Rotary Scholarships, Rotary Comedy Night/raising funds for high school athlete heart scans, …and more.
4. The opportunity for leadership development through club service such as serving as a committee/project leader or member, board member or officer.
5. The opportunity to be part of a world-wide network of 1.4 million Rotarians serving each day to bring peace to their communities and to help build a better world.

**WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF YOU AS A MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF MATTOON**

1. Be active and attend weekly club meetings. We hope you will attend all of the meetings; you are expected to attend at least 50%. If you miss a meeting, you can earn a “make-up” through other volunteer activities such as attending club socials, a board meeting, or a meeting at another club, or participating in a service project. NOTE: The Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Mattoon Golf & Country Club. Lunch is optional; current cost $16.
2. Get to know other club members by attending social events and special events throughout the year.
3. Pay annual dues of $45 per quarter/$180 per year. This amount includes Mattoon Rotary club dues and required dues for Rotary District 6490 and Rotary International.
4. Learn about Mattoon Rotary and Rotary International by participating in a Club Orientation, studying the Rotary Basics, participating in a District 6490 Conference, and engaging in the myRotary.org website which provides information about Rotary International and free Learning Center courses and resources to help you develop as a Rotarian, build a stronger club and a stronger world-wide network.
5. Participate in two mandatory club projects: 1) The Annual Food Drive held each year on the first Saturday in December, and 2) Sell (or buy) at least ten $10 tickets for our annual fund-raising raffle drawing during the months of November and December.
6. Be active in club committees and other service projects. Take photos! Write stories about your experiences to share with others! Help identify a need in our community and suggest a hands-on project to address it.
7. Make a donation of $100 to the Rotary International Foundation each year, if you can. You will be amazed to see what these donations, from Rotarians around the world, can do!
8. Recommend a colleague or friend for membership.
9. Represent Mattoon Rotary when you participate in other community events.
10. Enjoy being one of 1.4 million people making a difference through Rotary!

**INTERESTED IN JOINING US?**

To visit us for a meeting or learn more about membership:

Check us out on the Internet @ *mattoonrotary.org* or visit us on Facebook @ *RotaryClubOfMattoon.*

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