



## Waunakee Rotary Club

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Dave Edwards of the Department of Natural Resources spoke to the Waunakee Rotary Club about the connection between the health of the environment and public health at the Jan. 18 meeting.

Dave enforces environmental regulations for the DNR, and he provided several examples of how toxins in the environment affect our health.

For instance, 7 percent of adult females of childbearing age have dangerous levels of mercury in their systems, so their unborn children are at risk for neurotoxins, Dave said.

The environment provides all of our requirements for survival such as oxygen, water and food. Now, because of mercury levels, 48 of 50 states have advisories on consuming fish. Our lifestyles and their demand for energy are the cause of coal burning, which produces mercury.

Dave pointed out that in London in 1306, Parliament passed a law prohibiting coal burning when Parliament was in session. Many people died from the polluted air during that time.

The United States began enacting federal clean air and water laws in the 1970s after former Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson held the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970. Some 20 million people participated in that event.

But today, people are more complacent. Other more pressing issues seem to face the public, including health care, gas prices and homeland security, Dave said. In the 2004 Presidential debates, the environment was not even mentioned, he said.

People hold the false assumption that technology will take care of our environmental problems, but we can't always rely on technology.

Also, the pollution is not as obvious as it once was, for instance when the polluted Cuyahoga River was

ignited by a torch.

The environmental decisions we make must be grounded in science, Dave said.

In the 1980s, the state of Wisconsin passed clean air and environmental regulations, expanding a few paragraphs of legislation into pages and pages.

Still, 17 million people are afflicted with asthma and the cause is unknown, Dave said. In 2002, 478,000 people were hospitalized with asthma.

There is a cause and effect relationship between the environment and our lifestyles. During the 1996 Olympics, the City of Atlanta anticipated an influx of a million people. To improve air quality for the athletes, it closed the downtown area to private vehicles and expanded public transportation. The air quality improved, and there were fewer asthma attacks reported and fewer related hospitalizations. After the Olympics, when private vehicles were again allowed in the city, the number of asthma attacks increased once again, Dave said.

The biggest threat to the environment is our attitude, he added.

Most people are sympathetic to the needs of the environment or are actively trying to improve it, Dave said.

He urged people to practice conservation, learn about programs, join an organization and contact their legislators.

"Look at how you can use little things to make a difference," Dave said.

•Rod Cupp reminded the club that tickets to the Feb. 4 Superbowl event are available for members to sell. They are \$15 for the raffle, or \$20 to attend the event at Rex's with food and drink provided. They are also available for sale at Rex's Innkeeper

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### Calendar of Events:

Jan. 26, Christmas party  
Feb. 4, Superbowl event  
April 12-28, Russian visitors  
May 4-6, District Conference  
June 17-20, RI, Salt Lake City

and Neil's Liquor. Anyone with questions can call Rod at 220-3201. The first prize for the raffle is a 50" DLP high definition television.

•President Drew Lawrence thanked Ed Niebuhr for his work on the LEDs during the Rotary in Lights display.

•Drew also noted that the Madison Rotary Breakfast Club is holding a Brazilian Carnival at the Meadows of Six Mile Creek Clubhouse Feb. 16.

Guests: ???

Visiting Rotarians: ???

Birthdays: Jan. 26, Jim Meyer; Jan. 26, Mike Lawrence; Jan. 27, Pat Durden; Jan. 27, Lynne Spielman; Jan. 29, Gary Epping.

Anniversaries: None.

Prayers: Jan. 25, Leonard Allen; Feb. 1, Kim Wilde; Feb. 8, Pat Durden.

Programs: Jan. 25, Lisa Ellinger, Wisconsin Health Plan; Feb. 1, Club Assembly; Feb. 8, classification speeches; Feb. 15, Bill Erickson and Phil Willems on their trip to Haiti; Feb. 22, Little People; March 1, Club Assembly; March 8, Lynne Spielman on her trip to Nigeria.

Greeters: Jan. 25, Kevin Even, Jeremiah Gollon; Feb. 1, Wendy Grunewald-Fahlgren; Feb. 8, Rich Harris, Bob Hoskins.

**BIRTHDAYS****January**

Jan. 9, Bob Pulvermacher  
 Jan. 11, Greg Garton  
 Jan. 18, Rich Harris  
 Jan. 19, Gene Smith  
 Jan. 22, Daniel Muxfeld  
 Jan. 24, Art Drake  
 Jan. 26, Jim Meyer  
 Jan. 26, Mike Lawrence  
 Jan. 27, Pat Durden  
 Jan. 27, Lynne Spielman  
 Jan. 29, Gary Epping

**February**

Feb. 11, Phil Willems  
 Feb. 11, Ron Ballweg  
 Feb. 15, Dave Kruchten  
 Feb. 24, Danny Paul  
 Feb. 26, Sandy Taylor

**March**

March 1, Rex Endres  
 March 1, Duwayne Statz  
 March 2, Wendy Grunewald-Fahlgren  
 March 14, Craig Larson  
 March 14, Lisa Pertzborn-Whiting  
 March 15, Rich Murphy  
 March 17, Ellen Schaaf  
 March 26, Ken Ballweg

March 27, Don Tierney

**April**

April 1, Ken Pesik  
 April 4, Ray Statz  
 April 7, Connie Blau  
 April 24, Leonard Allen  
 April 25, Jim Steffenhagen  
 April 27, Bob Nicholson

**May**

May 2, Jim Jukes  
 May 12, Ed Kruchten  
 May 25, Joyce Maly  
 May 26, Bob Lenz

**June**

June 5, Ed Niebuhr  
 June 18, Dan Statz  
 June 27, Tammy Reefe  
 June 28, Rod Cupp

**July**

July 8, Mike Fehrenbach  
 July 10, Peggy Acker-Farber  
 July 12, Jim Tubbs  
 July 14, Robert Tucker  
 July 15, Bernard Kennedy  
 July 23, Jim Brussell  
 July 25, Jim Schmitz  
 July 25, Msgr. Jim Kramer  
 July 26, Tom Laufenberg

July 28, Bob Arntz  
 July 30, Amy Gile-Enge

**August**

Aug. 3, Drew Lawrence  
 Aug. 4, Jon Townley  
 Aug. 5, Jim Leonard  
 Aug. 11, Kim Wilde  
 Aug. 12, Mary Weber  
 Aug. 12, Scott Cochems  
 Aug. 13, Kathy Cefalu  
 Aug. 13, Brent Ziegler  
 Aug. 14, William Erickson  
 Aug. 16, Dick Pilsner  
 Aug. 17, Frank Bucaida

**September**

Sept. 5, Gordy Meicher  
 Sept. 6, Tom Reis  
 Sept. 10, Kevin Kearney  
 Sept. 14, Fritz Durst  
 Sept. 14, Bob Hoskins  
 Sept. 17, Dan Miller  
 Sept. 19, Neil Kruschek  
 Sept. 21, David Kennedy  
 Sept. 21, Kim Lengfeld  
 Sept. 25, Allan Dassow  
 Sept. 25, Luke Tierney  
 Sept. 30, John Cullen

**October**

Oct. 21, Linda Olson

Oct. 26, Betsy Flanagan  
 Oct. 29, Lori Derauf

**November**

Nov. 4, Jeremiah Gollon  
 Nov. 21, Ted Pertzborn  
 Nov. 30, Susan Vergeront

**December**

Dec. 5, Ron Niesen  
 Dec. 6, Bud Zander  
 Dec. 8, Neil King  
 Dec. 8, Roberta Baumann  
 Dec. 14, Rich Wipperfurth  
 Dec. 15, Margaret Landphier  
 Dec. 16, Kevin Even  
 Dec. 17, Ed Endres

**ANNIVERSARIES****January**

Jan. 2, Jim and Linda Schmitz  
 Jan. 2, Ellen and Vincent Schaaf  
 Jan. 12, Ken and Diane Ballweg

**February**

Feb. 1, Jim and Terri Brussell  
 Feb. 9, Ed and Elizabeth Kruchten

**March**

March 31, Drew and Lolly Lawrence

**April**

April 21, Bud and Jeri Zander  
 April 22, Kathy and Mark Cefalu  
 April 28, Scott and Melanie Cochems

**May**

May 6, Don and Joanne Tierney  
 May 9, Ed and Jan Niebuhr  
 May 10, Margaret and Dennis Landphier  
 May 12, Mike and Jenny Fehrenbach  
 May 12, Brent Ziegler and Angela Schwab  
 May 17, Leonard and Becky Allen  
 May 23, Greg and Heidi Garton  
 May 25, Jon and Barbara Townley  
 May 25, Mike and Dena Lawrence  
 May 28, DuWayne Statz and Roberta Valle-  
 Statz  
 May 30, Phil and Betty Willems

**June**

June 7, Craig and Judy Larson  
 June 11, Rod and Wendy Cupp  
 June 13, Sandy and Tim Taylor  
 June 14, Wendy Grunewald-Fahlgren and

Steve Fahlgren  
 June 15, Bob and Jody Pulvermacher  
 June 23, Frank and Joann Bucaida  
 June 23, Jim and Chris Steffenhagen  
 June 27, Kim and Nanette Wilde  
 June 29, Jim and Joanne Leonard  
 June 30, Fritz and Sheri Durst  
 June 30, Gene and Catherine Smith

**July**

July 1, Kevin and Leslie Even  
 July 5, Joyce and Alan Maly  
 July 8, Tom and Rhonda Reis  
 July 10, Gordy and Kris Meicher  
 July 17, Allan and Lynn Dassow  
 July 17, Roberta Baumann and Tim Brubaker

**August**

Aug. 4, Rich and Carolyn Harris  
 Aug. 5, Lynne and Ken Spielman  
 Aug. 10, Bob and Nancy Arntz  
 Aug. 12, Art and Jan Drake  
 Aug. 13, Danny and Yvonne Paul  
 Aug. 16, Kevin and Kathy Kearney  
 Aug. 26, Lori and Peter Derauf  
 Aug. 26, John and Debbie Cullen  
 Aug. 27, Dan and Joyce Muxfeld  
 Aug. 27, Danny and Lori Miller  
 Aug. 28, Connie and Marjorie Blau  
 Aug. 30, David and Mary Jean Kennedy  
 Aug. 31, Tammy and Jerry Reefe

**September**

Sept. 8, Ron and Michelle Ballweg  
 Sept. 9, Linda and Don Olson  
 Sept. 12, Jim and Phyllis Jukes  
 Sept. 15, Dave and Lynn Kruchten  
 Sept. 15, Rich and Donna Murphy

Sept. 17, Ken and Mary Pesik  
 Sept. 20, Neil and Sharon Kruschek  
 Sept. 22, Rex and Brenda Endres  
 Sept. 28, Peggy and Bob Acker-Farber

**October**

Oct. 5, Dan and Kristien Statz  
 Oct. 7, Betsy Flanagan and Larry Nummerdor  
 Oct. 12, Jim and Tonya Tubbs  
 Oct. 13, Ray and Harriet Statz  
 Oct. 21, Ted and Cathy Pertzborn  
 Oct. 21, Ed and Rita Endres  
 Oct. 29, Tom and Joan Laufenberg  
 Oct. 30, Amy Gile-Enge and John Enge

**November**

Nov. 1, Neil and Lily King  
 Nov. 6, Jim and Margaret Meyer  
 Nov. 6, Dick and Sally Pilsner  
 Nov. 9, Bill and Jeanette Erickson  
 Nov. 13, Gary and Jane Epping

**December**

Dec. 1, Bob and Nancy Hoskins  
 Dec. 26, Bob and Mary Jane Nicholson  
 Dec. 27, Rich and Sue Wipperfurth  
 Dec. 31, Kim and Barry Lengfeld

## The Four Way Test

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## Prayers

Kim Wilde; Pat Durden;  
Msgr. Kramer; Susan  
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Felsheim

# Rotarians

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Jason Brown  
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Rod Cupp  
Allan Dassow  
Sarah DeKraay  
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Ed Endres  
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Gary Epping  
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Greg Garton  
Amy Gile-Enge  
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Wendy Grunewald-Fahlgren  
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Bob Pulvermacher  
Tammy Reefe  
Tom Reis  
Ellen Schaaf  
Jim Schmitz  
Gene Smith  
Lynne Spielman  
Dan Statz  
DuWayne Statz  
Ray Statz  
Jim Steffenhagen  
Sandy Taylor  
Don Tierney  
Luke Tierney  
Jon Townley  
Jim Tubbs  
Robert Tucker  
Susan Vergeront  
Mary Weber  
Kim Wilde  
Phil Willems  
Rich Wipperfurth  
Bud Zander  
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